

Learn-to-Swim Program Proves a Huge Success

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Tremendous response to the county's free learn-to-swim program is being recorded as a total of 4,484 youngsters signed up for the first two-week session (June 17-28).

They accounted for total attendance of nearly 30,000 at the morning free-swim sessions being conducted at 30 of the county-operated pools.

I initiated "Operation Big Dip" three years ago for two basic reasons:

- Swimming is a form of recreation that can be enjoyed for a lifetime, as well as being a skill which could save a life someday. Every youngster should have the opportunity to learn to swim under the watchful eyes of trained lifeguards.

- During the hot summer months, a swimming pool is a good place for youngsters, especially teenagers, to expend their energies—much better than a street corner.

INSTRUCTION is offered

for all levels of swimmers. Beginners learn to overcome their fear of the water. Advanced swimmers are taught lifesaving techniques.

All a youngster need do to participate is sign up for a class, with new sessions opening every two weeks.

Free classes are conducted every weekday morning, with the pools open for recreational swimming, at a slight fee, each afternoon during the summer months.

There's a county pool near you. In my district, there are

a total of 13 pools—12 built during my terms as county supervisor.

(I'm convinced it is better to build swimming pools and good park facilities now, and properly staff them, than to have to build more jails and courthouses in the future.)

FOLLOWING is a rundown on the "Operation Big Dip" attendance as County pools the week of June 24:

Alondra, 397; Arcadia, 623; Atlantic, 252; Aviation, 472; Belvedere, 252; Bethune, 154;

and California High School, 612.

Campanella, 354; Carson, 625; Carver, 229; City Terrace, 245; Enterprise, 154; Ford, 379; Garrott, 351; Laguna, 237; and La Mirada, 749.

Lennox, 350; Mira Costa, 556; Mona, 64; Newhall, 476; Pioneer High School, 182; Redondo High School, 600 Will Rogers, 380; and Roosevelt, 480.

Sportsman's, 41; Temple City, 625; Val Verde, 81; Victoria, 1,065; Webber, 1,291; and West Hollywood, 272.

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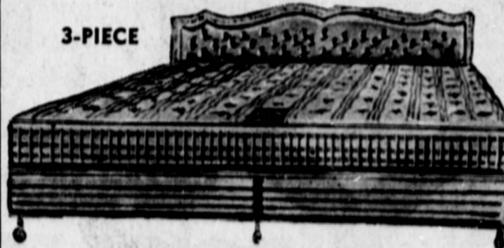
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